

end of this war. It will just mark the beginning of the next installment in what is a deteriorating 8-year war whose elusive end is always just over the horizon.

The better exit strategy is to have fewer troops. With some allies already preparing to depart as we expand, most of the blood spilt will remain American. We should honor the sacrifice of those courageously serving by putting fewer of them in harm's way. It shouldn't take 100,000 Americans to defeat 100 al Qaeda. All this effort props up a corrupt Karzai government that just stole over a million votes. Afghanistan can consume as many lives and as many dollars as we're willing to expend there, and leave our families no safer.

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STIMULATING OUR ECONOMY THROUGH ANOTHER JOBS BILL

(Mr. WU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, to form a government requires positive steps, and it is much less about what one is against than about what one is for. Who can forget that sense of free-fall in our economy last fall when we weren't sure, those of us who had money in money market accounts, that we were going to get 100 pennies back on the dollar that we put into a bank. Who could forget the sense of free-fall in March or April when it wasn't clear where our economy was ever going to go?

But this Congress and the administration stepped up to the plate. We passed a stimulus bill that cushioned the loss of jobs and is beginning to bring jobs back. More than half the Recovery Act money is still going to be spent into our economy. We passed a new unemployment extension benefit that will take effect and cushion the blow for working families.

But American families that have lost their jobs know that we need to do more, and we are going to do more. In contrast, Republicans have offered nothing. They voted "no" on creating jobs. We are going to say "yes," and we're going to pass another jobs bill and stimulate our economy.

ENFORCE TRADE LAWS TO SAVE JOBS

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, many hardworking Americans are losing their jobs because of this recession. We must use every tool in our arsenal to help stop the loss of jobs and put Americans back to work.

Yesterday, I testified in front of the International Trade Commission, urging them to strictly enforce our anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws

to protect American workers against unfair subsidies of steel tube products from China.

My constituents depend upon the ITC to enforce our laws and ensure that our trade partners play fair. As we look for more ways to create and save jobs, it is imperative that both the Congress and the Federal Government remain vigilant in our enforcement of our strong trade policies. We cannot allow any foreign producer to have an unfair advantage over U.S. workers. We owe it to our constituents to protect their jobs and enforce the laws that we have on the books.

CREATE JOBS BY CUTTING TAXES

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I get a big kick out of my Democrat colleagues, for whom I have the highest respect. They're talking about how they're going to come up with a jobs bill. They've increased the debt this year by \$1.4 trillion. They're pushing through a health care bill, trying to ram it through, that's going to cost \$1 trillion to \$3 trillion. They're trying to push through a cap-and-trade bill that's going to cost millions of jobs. And now, because they're worried about whether they're going to get reelected or not, they're coming down here and saying that they're going to come up with another jobs bill.

What that means is another stimulus bill. The first stimulus bill did not work. It cost over \$1 trillion when you include interest, and now they're going to do it again. The way to create jobs is to take the heavy weight off the back of the American people by cutting their taxes and cutting business taxes like John F. Kennedy did and like Ronald Reagan did. If you do that, you'll start seeing economic recovery—but not by blowing more money.

THE STIMULUS PLAN IS WORKING

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, despite mountains of evidence to the contrary, our Republican friends persist in saying "Bah, humbug" whenever you talk about the stimulus effect. In fact, my constituent, Senator MITCH MCCONNELL, yesterday on the Senate floor called the Recovery Act a failure.

Well, obviously he has been too busy obstructing the work of the Congress to go home and see what's happening in his own community, because he ought to tell the people at GE's Appliance Park that it's a failure when 400 new jobs are coming back from China because of stimulus money; or the hundreds of people who are now working on renovating our interstate system, \$30 million worth of work, courtesy of the American Recovery Act; or the 80

people who will be employed at the new maintenance center; or the 150 teachers who are still in the classrooms in Jefferson County Public Schools because of Recovery Act dollars.

Yes, we have plenty of work to do. There are too many people that are out of work, and we are committed to doing that, instead of saying, Bah, humbug, no, no, we won't do anything. That's the message we're getting from the other side, but we will continue to work for the American people.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, there is a condition in this country that affects more than 3 million people and sees 200,000 new cases every year; 25 percent are children. It's epilepsy. It's the third most common neurological disorder after Alzheimer's and stroke. The cause is unknown in two-thirds of epilepsy cases. It can develop at any age. It can be a result of genetics, stroke, head injury, and other factors.

Earlier this year, I met a spirited 9-year-old from my district. Since the age of 7, Chad has been living with epilepsy and faces daunting challenges in school because of various misconceptions. Despite major progress in diagnosis and treatment, epilepsy is often misunderstood and overlooked. Contrary to belief, it is not contagious. Some believe epilepsy is curable with medication or treatment when, in fact, over 30 percent of patients suffer uncontrollable seizures despite treatment.

This is why raising awareness is so important. It will dispel myths and empower millions affected by this condition. I urge my colleagues to support further research, awareness, and education as we work together to find a cure for epilepsy.

A NATIONAL HOME RETROFIT PROGRAM WILL CREATE JOBS NOW

(Mr. WELCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, America faces two very serious challenges today. The first is an economy that continues to struggle. Too many Americans who want to work are out of work. The second is an energy policy that is failing. It's not clean, it's not sustainable, and it's not affordable. We can address the jobs issue by taking on the challenge of a clean energy economy. We can create jobs. We can save homeowners money on their energy bills, and we can reduce our contribution to climate change. We can do that by investing in a national energy efficiency retrofit program.